[30th January 1929

Increase of Pay to process-servers.

* 1167 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to questions Nos. 43 and 315 answered on 23rd and 27th August 1927 respectively regarding the increase of pay for process-servers—

(a) whether a reply has been received from the High Court;

(b) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to call the High Court for an early reply;

(c) whether it is a fact that a deputation of process-servers under the leadership of Mr. J. A. Saldanha, M.L.C., waited on the hon. the Law Member a month or two ago and while representing their grievances presented a copy of the resolutions passed in the Provincial Conference of the Civil Court Process-servers held at Madura on the 24th and 25th May 1928; and

(d) what the Government have done or propose to do in regard to the pay and the other grievances of the process-servers?

A.—(a) & (b) The High Court's reply has been received.

(c) The facts are as stated by the hon. Member.

(d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 220.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the High Court has recommended the increase?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I want notice."

Criminal Justice

Appointment of a Special Bench in the Ootacamund Solicitors' appeal.

* 1168-A Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it was at the instance of Government that a Special Bench consisting of no Civilian Judges was constituted for hearing the criminal appeal of the Ootacamund Solicitors in October last?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

The hon. Member is referred to section 108 of the Government of India Act.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN:—"The answer to this question is in the negative. May I know how far the Government are interested and in what other way they are interested?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government are not in any way interested."

Appointment of a Special Public Prosecutor in the Ootacamund Solicitors' case.

* 1168-B Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) who appoints Special Public Prosecutors;

(b) on whose recommendations the Special Public Prosecutor was appointed in the recent criminal appeal by the two European Solicitors of Ootacamund;